

AFRD ES&H Operations Committee
71J Conference Room
July 6, 2007
2:00 – 3:00 PM

Minutes

Attendees: Ken Barat, Daryl Horler, Steve Lidia, Tom McVeigh, Fernando Sannibale, Peter Seidl, Donna Spencer, Pat Thomas

1. ES&H News and Lessons Learned

- **New EH&S Deputy Director** – Don Lucas is the new Deputy for EH&S Division. Previously, he was the EETD Deputy. He is also the Safety Review Committee chair.
- **SAA inspections next week** – We are expecting the City of Berkeley to inspect some of LBNL's waste handling practices. We don't know exactly when they will arrive or where they will want to look. Maram Kassis and Pat Thomas looked at some of our SAAs, and the owners have been informed of any problems that need to be corrected.
- **Emergency preparedness feedback** – Steve Lidia reminded committee members that supervisors should ensure that new employees, guests, and students are informed about evacuation plans, and that everyone remains aware of the best places to cover and hold as conditions in work areas change.
- **Travel safety** – One of our technicians experienced a blood clot in his leg following a long flight on a small plane. If you are planning a flight this summer for business or pleasure, try to reduce your risk by getting up and walking around every couple of hours. If this is not possible, move your legs and tense and relax the muscles periodically. Drinking plenty of water is supposed to help, too. If you notice any symptoms after a flight, like tingling, numbness, or pain in a leg, please seek medical attention immediately. Blood clots can cause serious problems, and can even result in fatal strokes.
- **Summer student & guest safety** – Please be aware of summer students and guests working in your areas, and help to guide them in safe work practices.
- **JHQs and training for PRDs** – We usually get a lot of questions about JHQs and training this time of the year. If there are questions you can't answer, please contact Pat Thomas. If she doesn't know the answer, she can contact EH&S and get the answer for you.
- **Project Call** – General Sciences management is working on their annual "wish list" of Facilities improvement projects we would like to have funded for the next fiscal year. If you think of any improvements that need to be made to your buildings to enhance safety, please discuss them with your Program Head.

- **Supervisor Safety Plan quarterly report reminder** – Please ask the people in your Program who have Supervisor Safety Plans to report their activities for April 1 – June 30, 2007, compile the results, and send the report to Pat Thomas by July 15.

- 2. Seismic safety planning discussion** – Richard DeBusk and Ken Barat are working on expanding the Seismic Risk Reduction Plan for Bldg. 71 to answer questions from DOE. We do not anticipate any changes to what we are actually doing. A similar plan will be written for Bldg. 52. The basic steps are to provide alternative office space outside the hazard zone, limit time spent in the hazard zones to essential activities, post entrances with hazard warnings, train people who must enter the hazard zone in earthquake hazard awareness and evacuation routes, escort essential visitors, and try to get the buildings fixed as quickly as possible. People have the right to refuse to enter the seismically “very poor” areas. Building 16 is in the process of being evaluated and we don’t have any information on the rating at this time.

3. Program Forum

Fusion Science and Ion Beam Technology – Fusion is working on insulation of new NDCX bunching modules. At IBT, Thomas Schenkel’s guests have returned.

Supercon has completed a prototype test coil. They have been working on improvements to the power supply system for the magnet test and are updating the AHD.

Administration – Parish Epps and Joe Kwan are trading offices in Bldg. 5. Sharon Hernandez will make sure Parish has a good ergonomic set-up for her new location.

EH&S subject matter experts will be preparing quarterly or semiannual reports on how well their programs are functioning. The reports will help DOE implement Order 226. The subject matter experts may be asking us for information for their reports. The Lessons Learned program is being revised and is being called “briefings”.

DOE BSO is expecting a visit on July 12-13 from George Malosh, Aundra Richards’ supervisor. He will be looking at some of the areas needing seismic improvements, including Bldg. 58.

CBP has new students coming in.

ALS Accelerator Physics will be doing the ALS QUEST. They also have a summer students.

Next Meeting:

August 3, 2:00 PM, Bldg. 71J Conference Room